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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: APPROACH TO SADAT ON WEST BANK/GAZA ISSUE

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1. WAS ABLE CONTACT VP MUBARAK LATE LAST NIGHT, SHORTLY AFTER RECEIPT REFTTEL, TO CONVEY SUBSTANCE TO HIM. I EMPHASIZED ISRAELI CONTENTION THAT THEIR'S IS THE ONLY WEST BANK/GAZA PROPOSAL TABLED THUS FAR. THERE HAD BEEN NO ARAB RESPONSE TO THAT PROPOSAL, HENCE WHY SHOULD THEY BE EXPECTED TO MAKE CONCESSIONS. IN ABSENCE SOME ARAB COMMENTS OR COUNTER-PROPOSAL, ISRAELIS HAVE A TELLING POINT. I STRESSED YOUR VIEW THAT WE MUST NOW CONCENTRATE ON INTERIM ARRANGEMENTS ON WEST BANK/GAZA ALONG WITH STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES. SINCE SADAT WOULD NOT BE ARISING UNTIL LATE MORNING, I ASKED THAT VP MUBARAK GET THESE THOUGHTS TO HIM BEFORE WEIZMAN'S ARRIVAL.

2. MUBARAK WAS INITIALLY A BIT PUZZLED. HE RECALLED SADAT HAD GIVEN US A WEST BANK/GAZA COUNTER-PROPOSAL. I SAID I KNEW THIS, BUT REMINDED HIM SADAT HAD ASKED US TO KEEP HIS
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COUNTER-PROPOSAL TO OURSELVES AND NOT SHOW IT TO THE ISRAELIS. MUBARAK THEN ASKED EXPECTED QUESTION: WERE WE NOW SUGGESTING THAT THE EGYPTIAN WEST BANK/GAZA PROPOSAL BE TURNED OVER TO THE ISRAELIS? I SAID THAT WHAT IS REALLY NEEDED IS EGYPTIAN VIEWS ON WHAT KIND OF INTERIM ARRANGEMENTS FOR WEST BANK/GAZA WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE. I RECALLED THAT SADAT HAD HIMSELF STATED PUBLICLY ON ONE OR TWO OCCA-

SIONS THAT BEGIN'S SELF-RULE IDEA WOULD BE A REASONABLE BASIS IF THERE COULD BE ASSURANCE IT WOULD EVOLVE INTO SOME KIND OF A PALESTINIAN HOMELAND ASSOCIATED WITH JORDAN. IN THIS CONTEXT, EGYPTIAN IDEAS NEEDED FLESHING OUT IF THEY ARE TO OFFER A BASIS OF DISCUSSION. WHAT WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE IS MORE DETAILED EGYPTIAN IDEAS OF WHAT KIND OF INTERIM ARRANGEMENTS WOULD FIT INTO THIS CONCEPT.

3. MUBARAK SAID HE WOULD TAKE IT UP WITH SADAT THIS MORNING, BUT ASKED THAT I GIVE HIM A PIECE OF PAPER ON THE SUBJECT. I HAVE SENT HIM A PAPER BASED ON PARAS 2-5 OF REFTEL. EILTS

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